



Lincoln Names Sailors Of The Quarter

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Four USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors were recently recognized for their outstanding performance and leadership during the first quarter of 2007.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW/FMF) Tim Coffey of Medical Department was named Senior Sailor of the Quarter. An independent duty corpsman, he has been aboard Lincoln since May of 2004 and during that time has also acted as an augment corpsman aboard USS Momsen (DDG 92).

"I was really surprised when I heard the Captain announce my name over the 1MC," Coffey said. "I was up against a lot of really great first class petty officers and I think every one of them deserved it."

Coffey said that in order to be successful, Sailors should push themselves to take advantage of whatever training is available to them.

"Pursue your qualifications but not just as a check in the box," Coffey said. "You've really got to take the time to learn what it is they're training you on because it's not just there to help your career, it's there to help you."

Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class (SW/AW) Scott Overstreet has been aboard Lincoln for four years and this is his fourth sea command. Prior to Lincoln, he served on the USS Conolly (DD 979), USS Yorktown (CG 48), and USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) as well as on recruiting duty. He is now Lincoln's Ship's Services Leading Petty Officer for S-3 Division of Supply Department, where he supervises the Sailors of Lincoln's laundry services and barbershops.

"The Navy is simple; come to work on time every day, do your



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job to the letter, wear your uniform the way you're supposed to and you will go far," Overstreet said. "But the biggest thing is not to let fear stand in the way of accomplishing your goals."

Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class (SW/AW) Robin Senger of Combat Systems' CS-5 Division was recognized as Lincoln's Junior Petty Officer of the Quarter. Since she reported aboard, she has earned qualification as both Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist, and is taking college classes toward earning a degree in accounting.

Like her peers, she credits strong mentorship with helping her

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Memoirs of a Gun Boss: In Bookstores Soon?

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In November 1976 a young farmer from southeast Minnesota joined the Navy to see what was beyond his farming community. When he shipped off to Boot Camp in June 1977, he intended to stay in the Navy for only four years. Almost 30 years later,

that young farmer, Cmdr. Paul Erickson, Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Gun Boss, is living proof of how successful a Naval career can be.

"I actually joined the Navy because I come from a farming community and I really didn't know anything but farming," Erickson said. "So it was being a farmer or getting out of there and doing something

else. And like I tell the young kids, I've got nothing against farmers, it's just I didn't want to do it. So I joined the Navy for four years so I could see what was out there and I thought I'd get out and do something else. Well, I keep on telling everyone I'm still working on those four years. I just kept on

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USS Abraham Lincoln Photo

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achieve her goals while on board.

"Every Sailor, whether they're an E-1 or an O-7 needs someone that they can turn to and say, 'You've been in this situation before, how would you handle it?' and get an honest answer," Senger said. "Without that kind of positive influence, you probably won't succeed, whether it's in the Navy or in the civilian world."

Seaman Rebekha D. White of Operations Department OZ Division is Lincoln's Bluejacket of the Quarter. Now temporarily assigned as a subject matter expert on Iran

for 5th Fleet, White spent a year in Lincoln's Deck Department while pursuing on-the-job training with the Intelligence Specialists of OZ Division in her spare time. In November 2006, she was sent to work full time in Lincoln's Carrier Intelligence Center (CVIC). She recently applied to attend school and be rated as an Intelligence Specialist and looks forward to pursuing a career in the intelligence field.

"I came to the ship in 2005 and like most undesignated folks it was a tough road to get where I am, but the key was just staying motivated," White said. "It can be hard to strike into a rating but you shouldn't settle for whatever looks easy, go for what you really want to do and it'll make the whole experience worth it."

Lincoln's Sailor of the Quarter program recognizes individuals who exemplify the positive traits of a role model. Each candidate is recommended by their respective department to sit before a board of senior petty officers, and selected based on his or her achievements and their response to the board's questions.

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going, going, and going and never stopped.”

Erickson, who has been on board Lincoln for 14 months, started out his career as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) airman and over the course of time has worked his way up to the officer rank of Commander.

“I was enlisted for about 9 ½ years,” Erickson said. “I was a First Class Petty Officer when I applied for the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program. I became an Ensign and worked my way up from there.”

Erickson said he applied for the LDO program because he could do the same job he was already doing, but for a lot more money.

As a career Sailor, Erickson has spent three-quarters of his Navy time at sea, has been an aircraft handler, was Sailor of the Year three different times, made LDO, and was the first Aviation Boatswain's Mate in his designator (6310) to be selected for Command. He held the position of executive officer and commanding officer for Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Whidbey Island, Wash.

“Everything just kind of fell into place,” Erickson said of his long career. “Everyone thinks the Navy doesn't take care of you, but they do. It's all in how you look at it.”

As the Department Head for Lincoln's Weapons Department, Erickson said his day-to-day job is to run a department of 320 Sailors along with officers and senior enlisted personnel.

“They [officers and senior enlisted] run the department,” Erickson said. “I just give them direction on what I'm told on what we need to do and they do it. I'm the Admin guy. I take care of the heads, beds, and discipline. If the gunners have a problem with weapons or storage or something else, I can help them. But they're the experts and I'm just their leader.”

As Erickson looks ahead to the future, he said retirement is the next step for him.

“I've got my request to leave the ship at the end of February '08 and retire 1 June '08,” Erickson said. “That would give me 31 ½ years.”

Erickson said when he retires he and his wife plan to buy a recreational vehicle and travel.

“At some point I'll do something to keep busy but the plan is to travel and to see the things that I have been protecting for the last 31 years,” Erickson said.

In addition to traveling, Erickson said he also plans to spend part of his time writing a book about his experiences in the Navy. He said the idea was suggested to him by a friend who told him to start it out as a diary.

“I have a lot of notes,” Erickson said. “I just need to put them



Photo By MCSN Chantell Wilson

Paul Erickson, Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Gun Boss chats about his Naval career. Erickson plans to retire next year after more than 31 years in the Navy and spend time travelling and possibly writing a book about his experiences.

on the computer and do things with it. I started with Boot Camp. Then I started writing stuff about my childhood. Once I get out of the Navy I can spend more time on it.”

Erickson said he probably has enough material for at least a 500 page book. Erickson said as of right now the goal behind the book is to pass the stories down to his children.

“Will I publish it?” Erickson asked. “I don't know. It's nothing I'm going to make money on. It's something that I can pass down to my kids. This is what I did in the Navy and this is what the Navy did for me.”

Erickson said when he does retire the things he will miss the most are the young Sailors.

“I care about the young kids and sometimes they don't realize that,” Erickson said. “I'm going to miss the day-to-day interaction and helping them. I really enjoy telling the young kids how much I make right now and what I made when I first came in. A lot of them don't realize that I went to Boot Camp and I started out as an E-1 and worked my way up. Everybody has to do the dirty jobs to get up bigger. I swept, swabbed, and cleaned a lot of heads. That's what they have to look at. We go to sea and we're protecting the United States of America.

Erickson said his advice for Sailors is to stay out of trouble.

“We have to have good order and discipline so we can fight the war and win the war,” Erickson said.

As Erickson looked back on his career he said he loves the Navy to have stayed so long and his time went by quickly.

“The Navy's not bad, the military's not bad,” Erickson said. “It's not bad at all. I'm living proof.”



May 3, 1861

USS Surprise captures Confederate privateer Savannah

May 4, 1942

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Local Stories

Kickin' It Old Skool as Dumb as It Looks

By MCSN JOSEPH SCARBERRY
Penny Press Movie Correspondent

When an 80s break dancing contest goes wrong, Justin Schumacher (Jamie Kennedy) finds himself waking from a coma in 2006. After a quick trip to the bank, he discovers that the bank intends to foreclose on his parents' house. He decides to gather up his dancing crew for a contest called 'Get 2 Steppin' so he can win the money to pay his parents back for all of their support.

Jamie Kennedy, known for his fairly recent role in "The Son of the Mask," delivered a performance that was extraordinarily average. The reason for this is partially due to the fact the part was all but tailored to Jamie Kennedy's stereotypical comedy. Despite this, there are some parts in this film that are hilarious.

Kip Unger is the jilted host of 'Get 2 Steppin' and is played by Michael Rosenbaum, who is known most notably from his role as Lex Luthor in Smallville. His character is a key antagonist for Justin, doing what he can to get in Justin's way of winning the contest. As far as his performance goes, it was also average.

The direction in the film was typical and predictable. The experience of a theater was put to waste.

As far as the story goes, it was base, simplistic, and at times predictable. The story told us what happened but left nothing to the imagination. Of course, it had some very funny moments, but more often than not, the film was boring and dry.

Overall, with unexceptional performances, a script written just for the actors, and a couple of funny scenes, Kickin' It Old Skool is better off as a rental.



Kickin' It Old School gets a measly two Scarberries for predictability and lackluster performances.

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Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



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By Media Department New Guys
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9. Learning to sleep while someone is needlegunning on the deck above you.
8. When you mess up you can always just say "Hey, I'm new." (Still works for the Layout Guy too...)
7. Adjusting to this fantastic Pacific Northwest weather.
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